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A Summary of the Exhibit

BACKYARD POULTRY KEEPING

A scenic booth exhibit showing six benefits to be derived from keeping a small flock of chickens; and proper methods of feeding the chickens.

Specifications

Floor space - - - - - 8' front, 8' deep,
13' across rear.
Wall space - - - - - None.
Shipping weight - - - - - 552 lbs.
Electrical requirements - None.

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Note: Cannot be set up alone. This booth is part of Success in Rearing and What a Difference a Good House Makes.

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How It Looks

This exhibit shows a portion of a back yard. Two large umbrella trees which form the front columns of the booth serve as a frame for the scene, and a touch of realism is added by a white picket fence, artificial grass and poultry netting. Life-sized cutouts of a woman in the act of feeding her chickens, and several chickens are blended with the background which shows a chicken house and a part of the owner's home.

One painted placard shows, by pictures and text, what to feed, while a companion placard sets forth the reasons for keeping a small flock of chickens in connection with a city home. The outside of this exhibit forms parts of two other poultry exhibits which are always included along with this exhibit.

The booth is 8 feet across the front, 8 feet deep and 7 feet high.

What It Tells

This exhibit is designed to arouse interest in keeping chickens in backyard lots and similar places. The housewife is looking after a model flock of White Wyandottes. A series of legends enumerate some essential features in feeding, and advantages derived from keeping a flock of standardbred chickens in a back yard. They are as follows:

A Back-yard Flock Provides

Recreation for adults
Occupation for children
Nutritious fresh eggs
An occasional chicken dinner
A profitable outlet for kitchen and garden waste
Manure for garden.

Feeding

The necessary feeds to make a balanced ration:

- 1, 2 and 3 scratch mixture of corn, wheat and oats.
- 4, 5, 6 and 7 mash mixture of corn, meat scrap, middlings and bran.
- 8, 9, 10 and 11 grit, charcoal, oyster shell and water.

Use milk if available.

Good sod makes green feed.

Cultivate the soil frequently.

Where to Get Information

The following publications may be obtained free of charge from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Farmers' Bulletin 1331 - Back Yard Poultry Keeping

Farmers' Bulletin 1067 - Feeding Hens for Egg Production

